

The time is now: Dental licensure through the years

1883

Creation of professional dental licensure standards.¹

1991

“Entry-level examinations using human subjects are now absolutely inappropriate.”

– Dr. Richard Buchanan, former dean, Rutgers School of Dental Medicine³

2016

ASDA adopts new licensure policy and releases its white paper on licensure reform.

1929

National Board of Dental Examiners develops three-part board examination consisting of two written exams and one clinical exam.²

2000s

American Dental Association and American Dental Education Association adopt policies in favor of eliminating the use of human subjects in clinical licensure exams.

2017

YOU help to eliminate the live-patient exam.



ASDA believes that the ideal licensure pathway does not involve human subjects in a clinical exam. Learn more and read our white paper at ASDAnet.org/LicensureReform.

¹ Gies WJ. Dental education in the United States and Canada. New York: The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, 1926.

² Kalkwarf KL. How the licensure process will evolve. *Journal of the American Dental Association*, Vol. 130, December 1999, 1737–1742.

³ Buchanan R. Problems related to the use of human subjects in clinical evaluation / responsibility for follow-up care. *Journal of Dental Education*, Vol. 55, No. 12, 1991, 797–801.